

(III) DO NOT IMPAIR THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN;

(6) OFFER A PRODUCT IN THE INDIVIDUAL MARKET;

(7) OFFER A PRODUCT IN THE SMALL EMPLOYER GROUP MARKET;

(8) PARTNER WITH THE STATE AND OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITIES TO PROVIDE SERVICES OR ADMINISTER PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE NEEDS; AND

(9) CONTINUE SUBSIDIZATION OF THE SENIOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 5, PART II OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE.

(G) (1) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THIS TITLE, THE COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR.

(2) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE WITH REGARD TO THE EXAMINATION AND EVALUATION CARRIED OUT UNDER SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, pursuant to § 6.5-203(h) of the State Government Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, the General Assembly ratifies the determination of the Maryland Insurance Commissioner and finds that the conversion of CareFirst to a for profit entity is not in the public interest, and declares that it is in the interest of all Marylanders to protect and preserve CareFirst in its nonprofit form.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 14-115(d)(2) and (4) of the Insurance Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, ten board members representing a corporation that is organized under the laws of the State and that is subject to the provisions of § 14-115(d) of the Insurance Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, shall be removed from the board of directors and replaced as early as practicable, but no later than December 1, 2003, as provided in subsection (b) of this section.

(b) (1) The ten members removed under subsection (a) of this section shall be replaced by a nominating committee appointed by the Governor, President of the Senate of Maryland, and Speaker of the House of Delegates.

(2) The nominating committee shall be appointed on or before June 1, 2003, and shall consist of nine members, of whom:

(i) three, including one consumer member and no more than one health care provider, are appointed by the Governor;

(ii) three, including one consumer member and no more than one health care provider, are appointed by the President of the Senate; and